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ATHENS, Ga. - The University of Georgia men's basketball team notched a 59-41 exhibition victory over visiting Armstrong State University on Friday evening at Stegeman Coliseum in the first meeting between the two teams since 1990.

The Bulldogs opened up its 2015-16 preseason slate with the win, the exhibition was the second for the Pirates against DI competition. Armstrong State fell to cross-town rival Savannah State, 91-84, on Tuesday in Savannah.

This was the third meeting overall and the first as an exhibition between the two in-state schools. Armstrong State and Georgia previously met on November 30th, 1990, a 70-54 win by Georgia. The two teams met one other time in school history, on November 30th, 1986 - when Armstrong State was DI and a member of the Big South Conference. Georgia won that meeting, 79-62.

Armstrong State took an early 2-0 lead on **Herbert Graham's** basket in the first minute of play, but the Pirates made just one of their next 23 shots from the floor as the Bulldogs built an early 16-5 lead.

Georgia extended the lead to 15 points, 26-11, with 2:51 left until the break, but the Pirates finished the half on a 11-4 run to cut the lead to eight, 30-22.

The Bulldogs used a 9-0 run midway through the second half to pull away, building a 46-28 lead with 10:49 remaining, and Georgia would finish the contest with the 18-point victory.

Armstrong State finished the night hitting 20 percent from the floor (14-of-70) and 24 percent from three-point range (6-of-25), while Georgia would shoot 32 percent from the floor (16-of-50) and just 17.6 percent from three-point range (3-of-17).

The Bulldogs had a huge advantage at the free throw line, hitting 24-of-34 shots (70.6 percent), while the Pirates made 7-of-10 free throws for 70 percent. Georgia also enjoyed a healthy 60-37 edge on the glass.

Senior **Shema Sabiiti** led the Pirates on the night with seven points, while senior **Nick Scott** added six points. Georgia was led by Mike Edwards' 11 points and Charles Mann's 10 points.

The Pirates will open up the 2015-16 regular season on November 14th, traveling to St. Augustine, Fla., for the PBC-SAC Challenge hosted by Flagler College. Armstrong State will face Anderson (SC) at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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